

## WOOD IN RAGE AT THOMPSON CAUSES UPROAR

"Will Not Tolerate Question," Commissioner Shouts at Senator.

ASSEMBLYMAN TRIES  
TO DEFEND WITNESS

Inquiry About Mother's Illness  
Starts Excitement—Flashlights  
Add to Confusion at Hearing.

Senator Thompson and Public Service Commissioner Wood almost came to blows at yesterday's session of the Thompson legislative committee. Ever since Wood has been on the stand the feeling between him and the committee chairman has been bitter. For a time yesterday it looked as though he would pounce on the Senator, so great was his rage at the questions asked.

Assemblyman Joseph M. Callahan, a minority member of the committee, got into the fray by protesting against the questions asked by Senator Thompson, and it appeared for a few minutes as though he, too, would "mix it up" with the chairman. To add to the excitement, several photographers began setting off flashlights, and the scene was more like a German trench than the hearing room of an august committee of the Legislature.

For ten minutes Senator Thompson kept up a rapid fire of sarcastic questions at Wood, who went back at him with a vim that he had not exhibited at any of the other sessions. When Senator Thompson finally adjourned the session, Wood again clambered to get himself straight on the record.

The excitement began when Commissioner Wood submitted a physician's certificate stating that his mother, Alice R. Wood, was suffering from nervous prostration and could not answer a subpoena.

Wood resents question. "What caused her nervous prostration?" asked Senator Thompson, sarcastically. "Was it the fear that we would show up your books?"

Wood jumped about six inches out of his seat and glared at the chairman before answering. He nervously grasped the sides of his chair, as though making a determined effort to hold himself back, and the spectators were expecting him to jump at the Senator. Senator Thompson chewed harder on his cigar and took a firmer hold on the gavel that he had been twirling between his fingers. Finally Wood regained himself sufficiently to shout:

"Senator, I resent that question very much. I will not tolerate it."

"Well, I want to know," the chairman went on, "if it was the prospect of opening the books that caused her nervous prostration?"

"Senator," Wood again shouted, half rising out of his chair and shaking his finger at Senator Thompson, "I will not tolerate that; I will not answer your question."

The chairman was persistent, until finally Wood recovered himself sufficiently to fish a typewritten note from his pocket, from which he read:

"I refuse to answer the question for the reasons that it is neither legal nor pertinent; that it is immaterial and beyond the jurisdiction of this committee; that it is not pertinent to the investigation which the committee is authorized to make, and that it relates exclusively and entirely to my personal matters and private business affairs."

Reply Prepared by Counsel.

"Where did you get that lucid exposition?" the chairman asked sarcastically.

"From my counsel, Mr. Stanchfield," Wood answered with much satisfaction.

"Have you anything to hide? Is that

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why you don't want to answer?"

"I have told you the reasons why I won't answer," Wood flared back.

"Oh, no, you haven't," the chairman exclaimed. "Is it because you don't want the people to know that you are not protecting on party grounds?"

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"I want to say," said the chairman grimly, "that the attitude of the party you represent will not change the way in which this committee does its work. This is the first time a minority member of this committee has tried to make it a political investigation."

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hearing caused a lot of speculation.

He kept the reason for his visit a secret.

Several threats have been made to "get" Senator Thompson, it was learned yesterday, by certain corporations which have been more or less interested in the investigation. Senator Thompson said they could go as far as they liked, so far as he was concerned, he haven't any past that I'm afraid of," he said.

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## SQUARE P. S. DEAL, STRAUS'S MOTTO

For Big Interests and Little Interests, Says New Chairman.

WILL WAIT A WEEK  
TO BE SWORN IN

Delays Getting Into Harness Until After Trip South—Visits Commission Offices.

"A square deal for the big men and the little men; for the big interests and the little interests." This is going to be the motto of Oscar Straus as soon as he assumes his duties as chairman of the Public Service Commission.

Mr. Straus went to the offices of the commission yesterday afternoon to look over his new field of labor. He met Commissioner Hayward, Travis H. Whitney, secretary of the commission; James B. Walker, assistant secretary; Chief Engineer Craven, Chief Counsel Coleman and the heads of the various departments, and then announced that he would not get into harness for a week.

Mr. Straus explained to newspapermen that some time ago he had made an engagement to go to the Southern Commercial Congress, at Charleston, S. C., and talk on the maintenance of peace after the war. He said he felt obliged to keep this appointment, but hoped to return in a week. He expects to be sworn in a week from Monday by the Supreme Court.

"I will postpone my qualification until then," Mr. Straus said, "for I do not wish to begin drawing salary before I can take up the actual work of the commission. This is not the first time I have entered a great department with a little something as I go along. I hear there are a number of very able men at the head of the divisions in this commission, and I feel sure they can aid me in the complicated business within a reasonable time."

"I am happy to say that my term of office is only for two years, because I always enjoy the end of a service better than I do the beginning. In the past I have been a man to know about a piece of property, but I am now a man to know about a piece of property."

When the Public Service Commission held its regular meeting yesterday there was no chairman present. Owing to the retirement of Edward E. Cram, the fact that the new chairman had not yet qualified. On motion of Commissioner Hayward, the senior commissioner present, J. Sergeant Cram, was elected temporary chairman.

Bull Moose Still Shy on Whitman Candidacy

Governor Whitman's appointment of Oscar S. Straus does not assure him of the Progressive nomination, according to ex-Senator Henry Salant, who enjoys the distinction of having been the only Bull Moose elected to the Senate of the Empire State.

Mr. Salant talked freely yesterday of the Governor's latest appointment, but he also talked freely of the fact that Colonel Roosevelt is still a first choice of the Progressives, not alone for the Bull Moose nomination, but for the Republican nomination as well. The former Senator the Colonel is the only logical harmonizer of the two parties.

What do you believe incited the Governor to make the appointment? the former Senator was asked.

"Partly his desire to reconcile the friendly Progressives and the independent vote," Mr. Salant answered, "and partly to place himself sensationally in the running for the Presidential nomination."

Mr. Salant said that Mr. Straus was conferring a greater favor by accepting the appointment than was Governor Whitman in appointing him.

AIRMAN THAW COMING HERE

French Give Three Americans Eight Days in New York.

Paris, Dec. 10.—Lieutenant William Thaw and Sergeants Prince and Cowdin, the three American aviators with the French army, are to sail this week for New York on eight days' leave. French army rules allow all men on leave eight full days "at home," and when the Americans reached Paris they said their homes were in New York and demanded permission to go there.

The French authorities, who looked into the question, found they had to grant Americans the necessary time to cross the Atlantic and return, in addition to eight days in New York. The Americans must report to the French Consul on landing and take the first boat back after their leave expires.

TO AID CANCER HOMES

Military Aids of Warring Countries To Be Played by Cardinal's Permission. The Servants of Relief for Lovable Cancer have received permission from Cardinal Farley to present at Carnegie Hall on next Wednesday evening a military concert, embodying, with a classical programme, the national airs and bugle calls of England, France, Russia, Italy, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and the United States.

John George Frank, conductor of the summer concerts in Central Park, will lead the band of sixty pieces, and will be augmented by a life drum and bugle corps. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the upkeep of St. Rose's Free Home in New York and Rosary Hill Home, at Hawthorne, N. Y., where hopeless sufferers from cancer find a haven.

GETS \$50,000 AS HE FIGHTS

Captain Gage, British Dragoon, Remembered in Wife's Will.

Captain Mareson Foley Gage, of the 7th Regiment of Dragoon Guards of the British army, now fighting somewhere in France, will receive more than \$50,000 under the will of his wife, Anne Mareson Gage, died yesterday in the Surgeons' Court. Captain Gage's London home is given as the Marlborough Club.

Under the will of William E. Stronk, father of the testatrix, Mrs. Gage was not to leave her husband more than \$50,000 of a trust fund created for her by her father. She left him part of her own estate.

## \$19,477 AWARD NOW 6 CENTS

Westminster Verdict Against Presbyterian Lost on Appeal.

Another phase of the much litigated controversy between the Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian of New York was decided by the Appellate Division yesterday, which reduced to six cents a verdict for \$19,477 which the church obtained against the presbytery.

The presbytery dissolved the Westminster Church Corporation and took possession of its property in West Twenty-third Street. The church corporation obtained a judgment for \$19,477 damages. The Appellate Division holds that the church corporation was entitled only to nominal damages.

Justice McLaughlin, in a dissenting opinion, favored further modifying of the judgment to give the church legal title to the property but place the use or disposal of it under the direction of the presbytery.

"MOVIE" ROMANCE BROKEN

Mrs. Clara Kimball Young Sues Stage Director for Separation.

Mrs. Clara Kimball Young, a motion picture star, has filed a real broken romance in her suit for a separation from James Young, stage director for the Peerless Feature Producing Company.

Mrs. Young says in her complaint, filed in the Supreme Court yesterday, that she was married to Young in Jersey City in 1910. They could not marry in this state because of the prohibition in the divorce decree obtained by Young's first wife, Mrs. Rida Johnson Young, a playwright. Mrs. Young alleges that in March last her husband threatened to kill her, and choked her, besides bruising her arms and neck.

Mrs. Young is suing in a separate action for \$25,000. The details of this suit have not been made public.

NEW SCOUT CORPS TO GUARD SCHOOLS

Boys and Girls to Protect Mates from Injury by Street Traffic.

To keep students of the public schools from allowing themselves to be run down or over on their way to and from the school buildings, the Safety First Society of the City of New York has created a new variety of scout. These, twelve of whom will be selected by the principal of each school, will be known as the Safety First Scouts.

Their duty will be to stand in the morning at the entrances, in the afternoon at the exits of their schools, and see that the bodies of their little mates do not make traffic bumpy for passing streetcars, automobiles and wagons.

Thomas W. Churchill, president of the Board of Education, has approved the plan of the society, and the Safety First Scouts will be at their appointed posts on Monday morning. The other on their mates.

In of hours the scouts will wear large and imposing badges bearing the motto "Be Careful," and will follow this admonition out by mounting guard over uncovered manholes, removing obstructions from the sidewalks, putting out bonfires and seeing that all fire escapes are kept clear.

After the legion has been formed other and more complex duties will be assigned to it if the boys and girls perform those already allotted in the proper fashion.

NEW YORK NO PLACE FOR SOBER ARGENTINIAN

Visitor Who Came on Business Leaves, Holding Aching Head.

"Argentines who contemplate visiting New York this winter need protection," said Alfred Romero at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday, on the eve of his return to the Argentine Republic. "I do not want my people to come up here to enjoy themselves and to return physical wrecks, such as I am. I have written my wife that New York is no place for me without her."

"It is your hospitality that holds the peril of which I speak. Listen! I had known the American cocktail in Buenos Ayres, or I thought I had. But when you meet a man here he says always, 'Have a drink.' Always you take a cocktail. I have met many men. Alas! I have acquired the cocktail habit in spite of myself."

"I can never get to talk business. 'Let's have a drink,' suggests the man with whom I have succeeded in making an appointment. When we are finishing comes another man, and we have another. Then I am dragged to dinner and the restaurants to see them dance, and finally eat bacon and eggs at 4 in the morning. I am going to warn my countrymen, for I am—what you call it? All in!"

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## MERCURY HITS 22; COWS FREEZE UP

Dairymen Expect Milk Shortage Until Herds Get Used to Cold Snap.

735 JOBLESS VISIT CITY LODGING HOUSE

Superintendent Finds Conditions Better than Last Year—Snow Promised To-day.

Northwest wind, bitter with frost, kept overcoats tightly buttoned in New York yesterday, held the mercury well below the freezing mark, even at noon, brightened the hopes of those who looked forward to skating on the park lakes at Christmas, and drove the advance guard of the winter's jobless into the municipal lodging houses last night.

The temperature did its deepest dip of the season at 7:35 a. m., when the frigid blast drove the mercury down to twenty-two degrees. Even the influence of a none too ardent December sun could not improve the thermometer's disposition after this early morning rebuff. All day long the mercury sulked, rising only to twenty-seven at noon, and slumping hard immediately thereafter. At a late hour last night it was still retreating and the weather man predicted that it would drop back to twenty before morning.

To-day it promises to be cold at the outset, with probably cloudy weather to follow and possibly snow.

Only one serious injury was reported yesterday as a result of the arctic weather. While riding his horse Flin along Boscaup Avenue, near 169th Street, last night Mounted Policeman Michael H. O'Brien, of the Highbridge station, was thrown when his animal slipped on a patch of ice. Flip fell on top of him, and the policeman lay senseless in the gutter until a passing motorist, H. A. Hiers, of Yonkers, found him. At Fordham Hospital it was said O'Brien had a fractured skull and internal injuries. He probably will die.

Lodging House Season On.

A thin, straggling line of thin, straggling men filed into the municipal lodging house at 432 East Twenty-fifth Street last night with much stamping of feet and blowing on knuckles. They grumbled when they felt the warmth of steam heat, and they radiated contentment when they sat down to supper.

From the standpoint of a Broadway

headwaiter it was not much of a menu. It began with soup, very thick and very hot. Then came bread, then a cup of coffee, with real milk, and then more bread. That was all, but it was better than standing in line for a hand-out.

There were 735 in the lodging house last night. A year ago there were more than 1,400. The difference, says Superintendent W. A. Whiting, is due to better labor conditions.

Yesterday's volupiant temperature bade fair to congenial the milk-giving ambition of the cows throughout this part of the country. Dairymen explained that the wet weather of the previous weeks coupled with the change in the climate to sudden cold had made milk scarcer than it had been for the last twelve months. There was no danger of a famine, they said. At home would not be an overabundance of the first beverage of the nation until after the holidays.

"Later," officials of the Gail Borden Company said, "when the cattle have become used to the winter weather there will be plenty and to spare. At present we are obliged to make special efforts to supply our demand. There is no danger of milk famine. This condition arises during the first cold snap every winter."

Other milk dealers pointed out that the shipment of many millions of cans of condensed milk to foreign factories bade fair to keep up with the demands of the men in the trenches, had also helped to straiten the market.

CHANCE FIRE CALL SAVES \$500,000

Pier Superintendent Sounds Drill Alarm, Then Notices Blaze in Cotton Bales.

While making a trip of inspection through Pier 49 of the Southern Pacific Steamship Company on the North River, at the foot of Bank Street, yesterday afternoon, G. A. Swain, superintendent, sounded a fire alarm to give the stevedores a bucket brigade drill. A moment later he noticed a smoke rising from a pile of 500 bales of cotton at the southern extremity of the pier.

Through a lucky coincidence and the superintendent's prompt action the pier, with all the cotton, was saved from destruction. The fire, which was of unknown origin, caused \$200,000 damage to the cotton which was consigned to Moscow from George H. McFadden Brothers, of 3 South William Street.

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In response to a special alarm four high pressure companies and the fireboat Thomas Willett came to the assistance of the steamship employees.

As a precaution the Monus was eased from her berth on the south side of the pier and taken across to Pier 48. Three hundred barrels of alcohol were removed, fifty feet of the cotton added to the danger of the firemen. They were carted away to a place of safety.

Mr. Hyde's Spell

JAILS ATHLETE

Ex-College Man Welcomes Arrest as Escape from Dual Personality.

PROWLED BY NIGHT TO SCARE WOMEN

Vicious Second Soul, Revealed After Reading Stevenson, Prompted Evil Deeds.

Elizabeth N. J., Dec. 10.—Driven to the verge of insanity by a dual personality, which had tortured him ever since he read Stevenson's "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Loring P. Cross, living at Cherry and West, Jersey Streets, college graduate and member of a well known Boston family, welcomed arrest today. He is in jail here, charged with terrifying women and girls.

Well groomed and with a frank, pleasing manner, Cross, who stands six feet three and was an athlete of note at Haverford, seemed relieved when a detective told him he was under arrest. He went gladly to jail, and talked of his case unreservedly to Chief of Police Mulcahy.

Soon after leaving college, he said, he read Stevenson's story for the first time. The tale left a vivid impression on him, and it was not long before he felt a "Mr. Hyde" personality struggling with his sane self. At times it overcame his own personality, and then, driven by this mysterious second soul, he would commit acts for which he suffered agony when the fit had passed.

"Just as a user o opiates suffers torture when deprived of his drug," he said in his confession to Mulcahy, "so I was racked when I attempted to overcome my nocturnal wanderings, which left a trail of terror-stricken girls. During the day, when my Dr. Jekyll nature was in power, I shuddered at what I had done and actually prayed for strength to prevent the return of Hyde. It was useless. Just as I have acted here I acted in other cities, but this is the first time I was ever arrested."

Cross, who is an expert engraver, told of his wanderings from town to town in a hopeless endeavor to shake off the dark spirit which clung to him. Since he came to Elizabeth, two months ago, the police have received a score of complaints from badly frightened women of a man who had stepped out upon the street from a shadowy doorway or a dark alley. None of the complainants had been attacked by "Mr. Hyde," but they were all terrified.

"This is the strangest case I have ever seen," Chief Mulcahy said at the close of the conference with the prisoner. "I believe his story absolutely. The man undoubtedly has two personalities."

Cross will be arraigned before Judge Mahon to-morrow.

## Led or Forced? If You Are a Mother Are You Really Good to Your Children?

As a mother, your first thoughts are for the welfare of your children. You tend jealously to their health, to their manners. You want them to be honest, straightforward, kindly, temperate. In short, you want them all their lives to live on Christian principles.

For this reason you send them to Church or Sunday School each Sabbath day.

Mind you!—we say send them. We wonder if you take them?

Are you nullifying the possible good of Sunday School by using the wrong method to get them there?

Are your children being "dosed" with Sunday School as you would dose them with bitter medicine, or do they wake up Sunday eager and joyful in the thought of the companionship—the happy hours—to come?

Which is it? No matter how they feel, it is purely a question of their attitude. If they want Sunday School, if they enjoy it, it does them good. If they feel Church-going is irksome—if it is a distasteful duty, it does them harm, because they will dislike the Church and the principles—the doctrines—for which the Church stands.

Are you or are you not making your children happy in the thought of going to Church?

All children are mimics. Mothers tell us that they learn best by example. What example do you and your husband set? Does Sunday morning in your house mean tears, entreaties, ugly-tempered children—a trying time for you?

Do you and your husband, having packed the children off (first telling them that you send them to Church because it does them good), read the paper, sleep or go out for an auto ride?

Or do you get up Sunday—calm—happy, with smiling children around you asking you to go to Church, eager to be off because they are doing what you do—anxious to be good because you are setting the example?

Which is it in your home? Which, do you think, can do your children the most good—and for that matter do you the most good?

Are you doing your duty by your children? Ask yourself this question—then, with the children—

## Go to Church To-morrow

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